

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

8 August 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Guided Missile Intelligence Committee
SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Operational Survey 25X1C

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1. The attached survey has been compiled primarily for the internal use of the [REDACTED] as an operational reference and planning guide. One copy is being forwarded herewith for the information and use of Chairman, Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC), in accord with the agreement REG reached with him during his visit on 14 and 15 June 1956. Specifically GMIC is requested to review the changes in priorities which the REG has made on the basis of an analysis of the data contained in the survey and, wherever possible, either to specify alternate targets or indicate enough about the general type of coverage each target is expected to supply to permit the REG to designate alternates on its own.

2. The changes in priority have been based on the following general premises and considerations:

a. A man should not be assigned a priority simply because information of any type is desired concerning him. If little is known about him and there are no clear indications as to what intelligence he might be expected to supply, he will not be given a priority until more facts are learned concerning him; if then justified, a priority will be assigned. It is much easier and more practical to raise a priority than to lower it; it is difficult to backtrack from commitments made on the strength of a high priority when that priority is later revised downward.

b. The smaller the number of high priority targets, the greater the concentration of defection inducement effort which can be exerted. The problem of in situ vs. defection enters in here in that the fewer high priority defection targets there are, the larger number of in situ opportunities there will be, with the result that the disadvantages of a wholesale and indiscriminate defection program may be minimized.

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changes have been made which are considered self-explanatory on the basis of the indicated lack of information concerning the individual or the positive information concerning the man's reported technical competence, [REDACTED] employment experience, and his political reliability; the latter must be given weight because of REG's normal commitment to assist its sources in obtaining [REDACTED] documentation and employment. Examples of such changes are as follows:

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3. In reviewing the priority changes, it is suggested that, in addition to the above factors, GMIC should also consider the following:

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[REDACTED] priority designations should be maintained as a guide to assist REG in formulating appropriate terms which may be offered to secure the target's cooperation in [REDACTED] interrogation or to crystallize his intentions to come West should he begin to waiver [REDACTED] Essentially, however, the task of REG

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and American operational elements [REDACTED] with respect to this 30 percent is expected to be primarily one of seeing that the priority targets among this group are contacted after [REDACTED] through either [REDACTED]

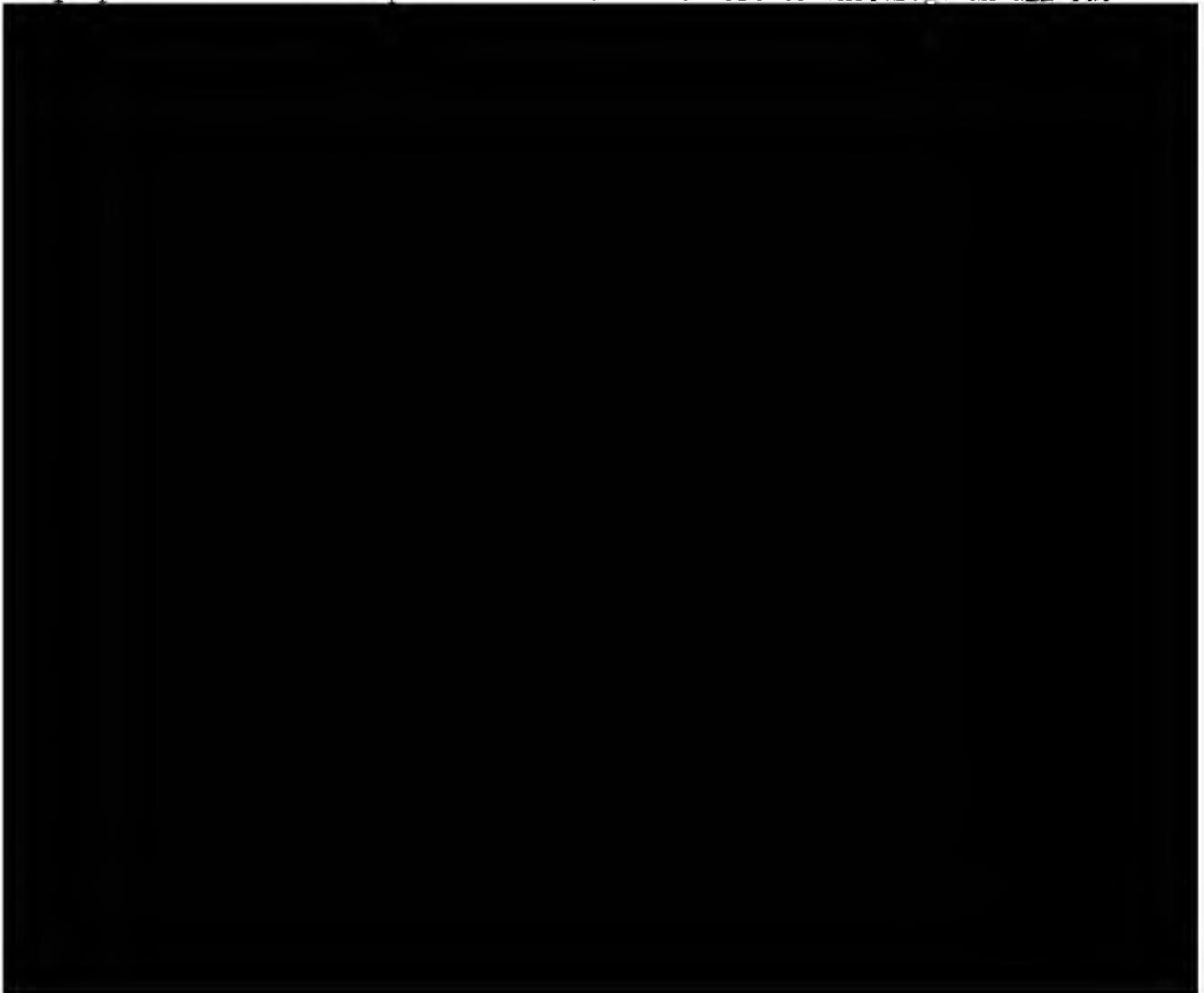
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b. GMIC is requested therefore to devote particular attention to those targets which apparently intend to [REDACTED] If the A and B priorities within that group can be narrowed to ten or a dozen, REG would propose to authorize top commitments in an effort to encourage an all-out

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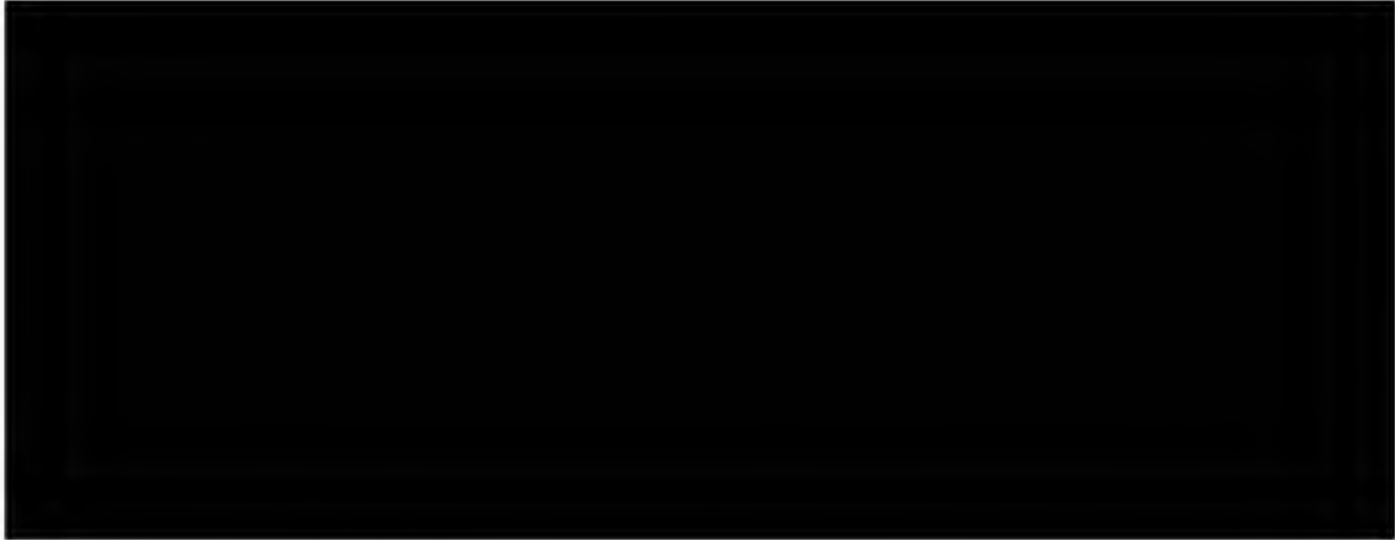
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5. Pending receipt of specific GMIC guidance to the contrary, the REG priorities noted in attachment A will be considered binding as far as targeting and operational planning are concerned. It is fully appreciated that all priorities and authorized commitments are subject to immediate revision by both GMIC and REG as soon as the first [REDACTED] source is interrogated or, in the meantime, if and when additional decisive operational data are obtained.

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Enclosures: Attachments A and B (1 copy each)

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